Extent of Exploration	Name of Basin
(i) Moderate to well explored	Cambay, Assam Shelf, Bombay Offshore, Krishna-Godavari, Cauvery, Assam-Arakan fold belt. Rajasthan, Bengal.
(ii) Moderately explored	Kutch, Andaman-Nicobar, Himalayan Foreland, Ganga, Mahanadi.
(iii) Poorly explored	Saurashtra, Kerala-Konkan, Lakshadweep, Karewa, Satpura-South Rewa Damodar, Narmada, Pranhita-Godavari.
(iv) Exploration initiated	Deep waters beyond 400 M isobath, along East Coast & Andaman Sea.
(v) Unexplored	Spiti-Zanksar, Bhima-Kalagadi, Bastar, Chhatisgarh, Cuddapah, Deep water areas (beyond 400 M isobath along West Coast & Southern tip of India).

Guidelines for appointment of LPG Distributors

4099. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines regarding appointment of distributors for LPG by Indian Oil Corporation and other oil companies; and

(b) if so, what are these?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per existing policy, oil companies advertise the locations included in the approved Marketing Plans under different reserved categories in two newspapers, one in English daily and one in vernacular daily, and invite applications from the candidates meeting the eligibility criteria relating to nationality, age, educational qualification, residence, income, multiple dealership norms, etc. Selection of the eligible candidates is made by the duly constituted Dealer Selection Boards. Reservation for different categories have been provided as under:

Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribcs(SC/ST)	-25%
Physically Handicapped Persons (PH)	-5%
Paramilitary/Police/Govt. Personnel(PMP)	-8%
Defence Personnel(DC)	-8%
Freedom Fighters(FF)	-2%
Oustanding Sports persons(OSP)	-2%
Open (O)	-50%

Also, 33% of the dealerships/distributorships in all the categories mentioned above are reserved for Women belonging to that category. Other things being equal Unmarried women above 40 years of age without earning par6nts and Widows are given priority over others.

Diversification and Globalisation of IOC activities

4100. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minsiter of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation has decided to diversify and globalise its activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for doing so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) IOC propose diversification and globalisation in the following areas:—

Diversification

Exploration and Production of Crude Oil
Power Projects
Setting up of LNG facilities
Petrochemicals

Globalisation:

Lube marketing
Training & Consultancy in areas of Petroleum Refining, Transportation & Marketing.

(c) IOC is one of the premier public sector